

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5577–S5616*

**Measures Introduced:** Fifteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4569–4583, S. Res. 692–696, and S. Con. Res. 44. **Pages S5609–10**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2502, to ban the Federal procurement of certain drones and other unmanned aircraft systems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–268)

S. 332, to amend title 38, United States Code, to remove the manifestation period required for the presumptions of service connection for chloracne, porphyria cutanea tarda, and acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 514, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 629, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to review the processes and requirements of the Department of Veterans Affairs for scheduling appointments for health care and conducting consultations under the laws administered by the Secretary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 711, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for mental health services from the Department of Veterans Affairs to include members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces.

S. 805, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of veterans benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to limit the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recover overpayments made by the Department and other amounts owed by veterans to the United States, to improve the due process accorded veterans with respect to such recovery, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2216, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to formally recognize caregivers of veterans, notify veterans and caregivers of clinical determinations relating to eligibility for caregiver programs, and

temporarily extend benefits for veterans who are determined ineligible for the family caregiver program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2558, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make certain grants to assist nursing homes for veterans located on tribal lands.

S. 2950, to amend title 38, United States Code, to concede exposure to airborne hazards and toxins from burn pits under certain circumstances, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3235, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a pilot program on posttraumatic growth, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3282, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the oversight of contracts awarded by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans.

S. 3643, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize certain postgraduate health care employees and health professions trainees of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide treatment via telemedicine.

S. 4384, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to address exposure by members of the Armed Forces to toxic substances at Karshi-Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan. **Page S5608**

#### Measures Passed:

**Printing authorization:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 92, authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled “Women in Congress, 1917–2006”. **Page S5616**

**National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 696, designating September 4, 2020, as “National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day”, and raising awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease. **Page S5616**

**Robinson Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Todd Wallace Robinson, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Pages S5589–S5602**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 83 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. EX. 174), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5589**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the post-cloture time with respect to the nomination of Todd Wallace Robinson expire at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2020; that following disposition of the nomination, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of David W. Dugan, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, and Stephen P. McGlynn, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, in that order; and that if cloture is invoked on the nominations, the post-cloture time expire at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in that order. **Page S5597**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Todd Wallace Robinson, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2020. **Page S5616**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 83 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. EX. 170), Mark C. Scarsi, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Pages S5578–80, S5616**

By 92 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 172), Stanley Blumenfeld, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Pages S5580–88, S5588–89, S5616**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 89 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. EX. 171), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5580**

By 83 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. EX. 175), John W. Holcomb, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Pages S5589, S5597, S5616**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 83 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. EX. 173), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5589**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S5604**

**Measures Referred:** **Pages S5604–05**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S5605**

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—175) **Pages S5580, S5588–89, S5597**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5616.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John E. Whitley, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Bradley D. Hansell, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, Lucas N. Polakowski, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Shon J. Manasco, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, and Michele A. Pearce, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, Liam P. Hardy, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and 893 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

### COMPENSATING COLLEGE ATHLETES

**Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine compensating college athletes, focusing on the potential impact on athletes and institutions, after receiving testimony from Rebecca M. Blank, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Karen Dennis, The Ohio State University, Columbus; John Hartwell, Utah State University, Logan; and Ramogi Huma, National College Players Association, Norco, California.

### COMPETITION IN ONLINE ADVERTISING

**Committee on the Judiciary:** Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine whether Google harmed competition in online advertising, after receiving testimony from Donald Harrison, Google, Mountain View, California; Adam Heimlich, Chalice Custom Algorithms, New York, New York; and David C. Dinielli, Omidyar Network, and Carl Szabo, NetChoice, both of Washington, D.C.